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SUBJECT: MACEDONIA: WHAT IS NOT HAPPENING

REF: (A) BELGRADE 1231, (B) SOFIA 0404, (C) BELGRADE 1277

1. AFTER RE-READING REF (B) IT OCCURS TO US THAT IMPLICATION MAY BE THAT THE BULGARIANS ARE GENERATING A LOT OF NEWS ABOUT MACEDONIA. ANY SUCH IMPLICATION, AT LEAST AT THIS TIME, WOULD BE QUITE ERRONEOUS.
2. THE REMARKABLE THING IN THE CURRENT "DEBATE" BETWEEN YUGOSLAVIA AND BULGARIA ON THE MACEDONIAN ISSUE IS THAT IT IS ALWAYS ENTIRELY ONE-SIDED. THE BULGARIANS ARE PLAYING POSSUM. WE HAVE NOT SEEN ANYTHING ON MACEDONIA IN THE BULGARIAN PRESS IN MONTHS. WHILE WE DO NOT MONITOR RADIO AND TV BROADCASTS SYSTEMATICALLY, WE HAVE IMPRESSION THE SAME IS TRUE OF THOSE MEDIA.
3. WE READ WITH INTEREST REF (C) ABOUT YUGOSLAV EFFORTS TO ENLIST WESTERN UNDERSTANDING FOR THEIR POSITION ON MACEDONIA. THERE HAS BEEN NO SIMILAR EFFORT HERE. ONE POINT, HOWEVER, PUZZLES US. PARA 1 REF (C) SPEAKS OF "YUGOSLAV MINORITY" IN BULGARIA. IS THIS A TERM USED BY YUGOSLAV FOREIGN MINISTRY TO DESCRIBE MACEDONIAN

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POPULATION IN BULGARIA? IF SO, THIS WOULD BE REGARDED

HERE AS ESCALATION.

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